



ÉCOLE LARSON ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

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WEEKLY INTENTION



UPCOMING DATES

- **Yom Kippur**
Sep 20-21
- **Autumn Equinox**
Sep 22
- **Open House**
Sep 24
- **Terry Fox Run**
Sep 25
- **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**
September 30

E.C.H.O.

Empathy / Empathie

Community / Communauté

Harmony / Harmonie

**Ownership / Obligation
personnelle**

LARSON'S WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Hello Larson Families,

Welcome back! We are thrilled to begin another exciting school year at Larson and hope your summer was filled with opportunities to relax, recharge, and enjoy special moments with family and friends. Our hallways are once again filled with the energy, laughter, and enthusiasm that make Larson such a wonderful place to learn and grow. We are especially pleased to share that all students were successfully placed into their new classes on Friday, and the transition went very smoothly. It was wonderful to see students reconnect with friends, meet new classmates, and begin building relationships with their teachers. The year ahead will bring countless opportunities for learning, growth, and connection. Whether you are a returning family or joining the Larson community for the first time, we are so happy you are here. Each student, family, and staff member plays an important role in making our school a welcoming, supportive, and vibrant community.

As we begin this new school year together, we look forward to continuing to nurture our ORCA ECHO values of Empathy, Community, Harmony, and Ownership. These values help guide us as learners, leaders, and community members, encouraging us to care for one another, celebrate successes, and embrace new challenges with confidence. Here's to a happy, successful, and memorable year of learning, friendship, and growth at Larson!

Dean Yeo
Principal

Cynthia Zhu
Vice Principal



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

WHEELS AT SCHOOL

Riding is not allowed on school grounds. Please walk your wheels once you arrive. Bikes should be locked at the courtyard racks. Scooters, skateboards, and skates must be stored safely in classroom cloakrooms to prevent tripping hazards. If a student struggles to follow these expectations, they may be asked to leave their wheels at home.

E-SCOOTERS:

In British Columbia, you must be at least 16 years old to legally ride an electric kick scooter. Your support helps us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

While we would love to welcome our four-legged friends onto the school grounds, please be reminded that there is a no-dog policy in place on any school district property throughout the province. Some children are allergic to dogs, while others can often be frightened of them. Even when leashed or tethered, dogs can be unpredictable.

PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES (PDD)

Students are expected to leave personal digital devices (cell phones, tablets, etc.) at home or in their bag/backpack when at school. PDD use is not permitted at school. This includes the use of smart watches. They may be worn and used to tell time only. They are not to be used to play games or communicate with anyone. Should an urgent situation arise and you need to contact your child, please call the main office. Students are not able to answer calls or texts during the school day. We will contact you if there is an emergency with your child.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



We are offering families the opportunity to purchase School Supplies through **School Start Back to School Supplies**. The kits can be delivered directly to your home. See below for grade specific information.

Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 English and Kindergarten through Grade 3 French – the school will order the supplies for the students and a fee will be added to your School Cash Online account.

School Supply kits can be ordered online at [School Start Back to School Supplies](#), by phone at 1-800-580-1868 or by email to info@schoolstart.ca.

MEDICAL ALERT LIST & LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS



Student safety is a shared responsibility. The North Vancouver School District supports students with life-threatening conditions through school-based safety and emergency care plans.

To help us respond quickly in an emergency, please ensure the school has up-to-date medical information and medication for your child.

Please remember:

- Report any severe allergies or medical conditions to the office and teacher each year
- **Submit updated medical forms and medications (e.g., EpiPens) annually**
- Schools create individual emergency care plans for students with life-threatening conditions
- Some classrooms are allergy-aware and may require allergen-free foods
- Medication can only be given with written parent authorization

For more information, please visit the [NVSD Medical Alerts page](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe.



TERRY FOX RUN – SEPTEMBER 25

Larson Elementary is proud to kick off the school year with our annual Terry Fox Run! This meaningful event honors the legacy of one of Canada's greatest heroes and supports vital cancer research.

We invite families to support our students as they fundraise through "Toonies for Terry"—classroom teachers will be collecting donations **throughout the week**. Our school goal is \$1,300, and we'll be tracking our progress daily!

Prefer to donate online? We gratefully accept contributions through our [Larson Elementary Fundraising Page](#).

Thanks so much for your support—every little bit helps us make a big impact!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

CONSENT FORMS

This year, there are three forms that need to be completed through [School Cash Online](#). **In addition, a paper package was sent home with your child that also requires your attention.** Please return the completed paper forms to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. All forms must be submitted by **September 18**.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office at **604-903-3570**.

TRAFFIC & SAFETY

Please do not park in the accessible parking spots near the kindergarten classrooms unless you have a valid permit displayed. These spaces are reserved for individuals who require them and keeping them available ensures that all members of our school community can access the building safely and comfortably.



Please do not park or stop in the designated "No Stopping" zone located at the front of the school. Additionally, vehicles must not be left unattended in areas marked as "No Parking". These zones must always remain clear to ensure safe access for emergency vehicles, and smooth drop-off and pick-up for students.



Student Absence and Late Arrival Procedures:

If your child will be absent, please notify the school using the [School Messenger App \(Safe Arrivals\)](#). This app allows you to quickly and easily report your child's absence. We encourage all families to use the app. If you experience any issues, you can call **604-903-3570** and leave a message with *your child's name, teacher, division number, and reason for absence*. If your child arrives late, they must check in at the office to sign in. This is a safety requirement, and there are no exceptions.

Students Leaving Early:

If a student needs to leave school during the day, they must be signed out at the office by a parent or guardian. Parents are asked to go directly to the office. Students will be called from their classroom to meet you there.

Please use the [School Messenger App \(Safe Arrivals\)](#) to report early departures. This ensures that office staff have enough time to bring your child to the office so they are ready for pick-up.

For Grade 7 students only, self-sign-out is permitted with written parental consent provided to the office in advance. Please send an email to larson@sd44.ca.

LITTERLESS LUNCH - Pack-in-Pack-out



- **Bring it Home** - All packaging, uneaten food, and scraps go back home with your child. This includes Munch-A-Lunch packaging, except for liquids like milk, ice-cream, and yogurt.
- **Zero-Garbage Lunches** - Use reusable containers, snack bags, and drink bottles instead of single-use packaging.
- **Reusable is Key** - Send washable containers and a sealable bag for leftovers or compostable scraps.



MESSAGE FROM PALS:

This section is provided by Larson PALS. Programs, events, and fundraisers listed below are organized by parent volunteers to support the Larson school community.

PALS MEETING OCT 1

PALS is Larson's parent-led group that helps support events, fundraisers, programs and community initiatives throughout the year.

All parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend. Join us for this year's first meeting and learn what's happening, share ideas and find ways to get involved!

Thursday October 1st at 6:30PM in the school library.



OPEN HOUSE SLICE NIGHT SEPT 24

Welcome back Orcas. We are excited to invite you to Slice Night, a fun way to connect with other families and enjoy an easy dinner during the Open House.

Preordering your pizza and drinks guarantees you dinner as very limited quantities are available at the event. Orders will open soon on our website. www.larsonpals.com



APPLE FUNDRAISER

Stock up on fresh BC Apples while supporting Larson. A simple and delicious way to help raise funds for our school while enjoying some of the best of the fall harvest.

Order by October 6th with delivery mid October.

👉 [Click here to order!](#)



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS – FALL 2026

The after-school programming at Larson is now live! There will be art classes, 3D printing, sports, and musical theatre programs this fall - a fun way for students to build skills, try something new, and spend time with friends after school. Reminder: these are optional paid programs offered by independent organizations.

LARSON AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS - FALL 2026			
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Arts and Crafts Grades K-7	 3D Printing (Strawbees) Grades 2-4	 Sports Explorers Grades 1-4	 Lights Up Theatre Grades K-7

ARTMANIA - Sculpture & 3D Art Explorers (Grades 1-5)

Students can unleash their creativity through hands-on sculpture and 3D art projects inspired by architecture, nature, storytelling, and contemporary art. This exciting program encourages artistic expression while developing problem-solving and spatial-thinking skills. Sessions run Tuesdays from September 22 to December 8 in the Music Room.

STEAMOJI - Introduction to Fabrication: 3D Printing (Grades 2-4)

Perfect for young creators and innovators, this beginner-friendly program introduces students to the world of 3D printing and fabrication. Participants will design and create custom projects while exploring engineering and design concepts. Classes take place Wednesdays from September 23 to December 9 in the Music Room.

Sports Explorers (Grades 1-4)

Get ready to move, play, and explore! Sports Explorers introduces students to a different sport each week, including soccer, basketball, ultimate, pickleball, handball, and more. Led by experienced PE professionals, this fun and active program helps students build athletic skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, and confidence while staying active and making new friends. Sessions run Thursdays from September 17 to November 5 in the gym.

Lights Up Musical Theatre (Grades K-7)

Calling all future performers! Lights Up Musical Theatre gives students the opportunity to sing, dance, act, and shine in a supportive and creative environment. This fall, participants will work toward a performance of Hercules while developing confidence, creativity, and stage skills. Led by experienced Lights Up instructors, this engaging after-school program is perfect for students who love to perform and express themselves. Sessions run Fridays from October 1 to November 26 in the gym.

👉 Click here to check them out and/or register! (<https://www.larsonpals.com/afterschoolprograms>)

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